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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(c)**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97(c) and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts as required by 37 CFR 1.98(c):

- A. Utility Model Application Publication (Kokoku) No. 37-11712 published on May 28, 1962;
- B. Patent Application Publication (Kokoku) No. 37-12757 published on September 3, 1962; and
- C. Utility Model Application Publication (Kokoku) No. H03-62214 published on June 18, 1991.

Prior art A shows a sealing structure for washers, etc. in which an elastic member (6) made of rubber, etc. is disposed under the pressing body (2). A first element (11) and a second element (13) are screw fastened by this sealing structure. The elastic member (6) is pressed against the screw (16) and second element (13), thus fixing the first and second elements (11, 13) together.

Prior art B discloses an auxiliary packing for fixing a nut. The cap shape frame (1) has therein an elastic body (5) made of rubber and an elastic magnetic layer (6), and a metal plate (7) is disposed thereon. When a nut (12) is screwed to a bolt, the packing structured as described above is set on the bolt, and the elastic body (5) and the elastic magnetic layer (6) are compressed by the packing, thus securing the nut (12) on the shank (11) of the bolt.

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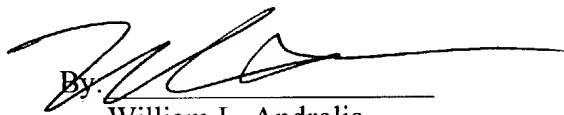
Prior art C shows a structure in which a resin product 1 and a metal element 2 are fixed together with a washer 5 that is made of rubber or an elastic material.

The fee for \$180 required by 37 CFR 1.97(c)(2) and set forth in 1.17(p) is enclosed.

In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them.

Respectfully submitted,

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